

TRUBLE IN SCARCITY OF WAR STAMPS

Continued From First Page. is not understood. Work cannot proceed until interpretations of the law come from the office of the Attorney General in Washington, through the State Attorney General's office at the capitol.

Even copies of the provisions of the act itself, given in briefest form, are not generally available to the public, because a large enough supply has not been received here from Washington.

Realizing the difficulty which private shippers would encounter in trying to get revenue stamps to carry on trade-to-day express companies laid in a supply of some kinds of the stamps and these were sold to patrons of the company.

When asked if concerns other than those that use the express made application to the Adams Express Company for stamps an employe in the cashier's office said:

"Several of the banks received supplies from this company this morning. Of course, they are shippers, but to a very small extent, and the stamps will be used for other purposes."

The revenue office has been one of the busiest places in the city for the last forty-eight hours. There are but three men in charge, and they combined yesterday and last night to carry for the needs of more than a thousand stamp payers, continuing their efforts to-day to meet the requirements of hundreds of men and women.

Deputy Bricker Rushed. The whole routine of the revenue office has been upset. The regular work, such as collecting the ordinary tax on cigars and tobacco, can be done only at hastily snatched intervals.

Telephone Company's Troubles. At the local postoffice little is known about the revenue stamps and it is thought unlikely there that the stamps will be placed on sale over the postoffice counters, although that plan was followed during the Spanish-American war, when a similar stamp tax was levied by law.

"The preparation for the collection of the one cent tax on all messages of 15 cents or over has been a big job for the telephone company," said Mr. Watts.

collecting from the applicants the amount of tax required.

Under the state law the insurance broker is forbidden to pay the tax out of his commission, and this compels the party taking out the policy to pay it, should the company decide upon that course.

At the State Department all papers and bonds must be stamped, but the people who file them must pay. The department will pay for the stamps when it issues copies of certified papers.

Extra Police for Stamp Buyers. New York, Dec. 1.—During the busy season last year, of 16,000 women workers in this city, 8,000 received less than \$6.50 a week's wages, according to Howard B. Woolston, director of the Wage Investigation of the State Factory Investigating Committee, who today summed up the findings on wages in New York City at the first of the preliminary hearings of the commission to be held here.

FEMALE WAGE \$6.50 A WEEK

Eight Thousand New York Women Workers Received Less Than That Sum Last Year. By Associated Press.

"Half the wage earners throughout the State investigated by the State Factory Commission get less than \$8 a week," said Mr. Woolston. "Out of a total of 104,000 persons, one-eighth earn less than \$5, one-third less than \$7, two-thirds received \$10 or less, and only one-sixth make \$15 or more."

"Our figures show that at a mature age and after years of experience in the business, half the women do not attain \$10 nor do the majority of men reach \$18."

PRESBYTERIAN COMBINE

Missouri Supreme Court Pronounces Consolidation Valid. By Associated Press.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 1.—The consolidation of the Presbyterian church (North) and the Cumberland Presbyterian church is valid, according to a decision of the Missouri Supreme Court today. The property of the Cumberland church at Marshall, Mo., under the decision of the court becomes the property of the Presbyterian church, regardless of the fact that it was paid for by members of the old Cumberland church. All the judges concurred except Judge Graves.

PRIVATE BANKER BANKRUPT

Angry Depositors Storm Three of His Brooklyn Offices. By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 1.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed to-day against Abraham L. Kass, a private banker with three offices in Brooklyn. His liabilities are placed at \$1,000,000 and his assets at \$750,000.

GERMANS SHOW ACTIVITY TO THE NORTH OF ARRAS

Paris, Dec. 1, 2.50 P. M.—The French official communication given out at Paris this afternoon says yesterday the enemy showed considerable activity north of Arras. In Belgium there was a lively exchange of artillery, by no means infrequent attacks. The text of the communication follows:

"In Belgium there was a rather spirited artillery fire during the day of November 30, but no attack was made by the German infantry. The enemy continued to show considerable activity to the north of Arras."

GERMANS CLAIM INCREASE OF BOOTY IN NORTH POLAND

Berlin, Dec. 1, by Wireless to London.—The following official announcement was given out in Berlin to-day: "There is no news to hand from the western areas of the war. In East Prussia and in Southern Poland it was generally quiet yesterday. In Northern Poland, south of the Vistula, our war booty was increased still further as a result of the successes announced yesterday."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Continued From First Page. fleets in close proximity in the South Atlantic presented the possibility of another naval battle, but in this case, too, there was nothing to indicate that new developments have occurred.

A general retirement of the Germans before the Belgian town of Dixmude was reported unofficially to-day. The Germans recently captured from the allies this town, which lies in the heart of the contested section of Belgium, where uncounted thousands have died as a result of the German effort to force a way to the English channel.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Establishment of neutral zones for shipping in the Western Hemisphere, as proposed by several South American countries, must be entirely voluntary on the part of the European belligerents in the view of President Wilson. He told callers to-day he had discussed the question briefly with Secretary Bryan and Acting Secretary Lansing, of the State Department, but no conclusion had been reached.

U. S. Relief Committee Nails Lie

London, Dec. 1, 4.25 P. M.—The American Relief Committee to-day characterized as wholly without foundation the statement published in the "Echo Belge" November 29 that the German authorities in Belgium were taxing food sent from the United States for the starving people of the country at the rate of 2.60 per 100 kilograms. This statement came to London by way of Amsterdam and was cabled from London to the United States.

Fire Prevention Inspection

Fire Chief John C. Kindler and City Electrician Clark E. Diehl are making their annual inspection of business places, ordering rubbish removed preparatory to the Christmas business rush, which always makes more or less rubbish and waste paper.

Arranging Exchange of Prisoners

Geneva, via Paris, Dec. 1, 6.25 A. M.—Gustave Ador, the chief of the Geneva agency for prisoners of war, is arranging with the belligerent governments for an exchange of prisoners who are seriously wounded or so crippled as to render them unfit for further military service.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—A shipload of food, clothing and toys will be sent by residents of Missouri to the sufferers in the European war. The committee in charge decided to ask the governor to issue a second proclamation declaring December 19, "Charity Day."

COLLECTIONS TO CONTINUE AT TABERNACLE THIS WEEK

W. C. T. U. Members Will Parade on Streets To-night—Delegation Will Be Here From Lebanon—Disorder Prevalent at Last Night's Meeting. Continued From First Page.

The taking of collections will continue this week at the Stough tabernacle, because of the failure of Sunday's congregations completely to wipe out the \$19,000 budget. There is a balance of about \$3,000 still to be raised. If this amount is to be made up before the end of the week, the collections at the tabernacle will have to be larger than the average has been on ordinary occasions so far.

It had been the wish of Evangelist Stough to wipe out the budget promptly, and then take offerings for the Belgians, and for local charitable purposes, but now will be impossible to take such offerings.

Excitement at Prayer Meeting. About two hundred persons attended the prayer meeting at the tabernacle last night. Mr. Gregory and Mr. Hean were in charge. At several times in the evening the meeting got beyond their control, and a number of men and women shouted loudly, and worked themselves into frenzies. Women disheveled their hair, and men gave way to violent emotions. A number of persons left the tabernacle while the meeting was in progress. It continued until a late hour.

Shop Meetings of the Week. To-morrow—Sumnerdale P. R. R. shop, the Rev. C. E. Hillis; Enola road house, the Rev. J. T. Spangler; Lucknow P. R. R. shop, the Rev. W. N. Yates; Enola P. R. R. road house, H. K. W. Patterson.

Thursday—Elliott-Fisher Typewriter Co., Miss Sara C. Palmer; bridge shop, Steelton Steel Company, H. K. W. Patterson; package and storage company, the Rev. George F. Schaum; Enola car shop, P. R. R., the Rev. C. E. Hillis; Dauphin county jail, 9.30 a. m., H. K. W. Patterson and members of the party.

Friday—Division street, P. R. R. shop, the Rev. A. J. Green; Ely street, P. R. R. shop, the Rev. E. R. Curtis; Rutherford street, P. R. R. shop, H. K. W. Patterson; Division street P. R. R. shop, the Rev. W. N. Yates.

\$1,102 BILL HERE OF P.-M. LEAGUE

Continued From First Page. throughout the city. Advertising in the "Patriot" to the extent of 300 inches cost \$105. There were only six watchmen employed by the league on election day at the following rates: G. A. Sinsel, \$3; W. J. Horning, \$3; H. B. Shantz, \$3; W. J. Horning, \$3; H. B. Shantz, \$2.50; Samuel Senarier, \$2.

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There are very few people who know the proper designation of the man who presides over the supreme court," said the secretary of the senate.

Generally he is referred to as the chief justice of the United States supreme court. In fact he is the chief justice. That's his official title. Most of our presidents in nominating men for this office have fallen into the error of giving him the long title. When George Washington nominated Oliver Ellsworth of Connecticut for this post he described it as chief justice of the supreme court of the United States. Andrew Jackson made the same error in nominating Roger B. Taney. So did Abraham Lincoln when he appointed Salmon P. Chase. Grover Cleveland was the first president to give the correct designation. When he appointed Melville W. Fuller he nominated him to be chief justice and nothing else.—Washington Star.

"Charlie got his ideas of married life from the comic papers." "Well?" "He says after he got married he was agreeably surprised to find that his wife could get satisfactory hat for \$5.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

FORESTER BILL PASSES, 3 TO 2

Continued From First Page. would be establishing a precedent, for no other city has selected a forester without creating the tree commission. They also claimed that in the many cities in which tree commissions have been created the plan is working splendidly and that to adopt the Taylor ordinance would merely be experiment.

Commissioner Taylor and his Republican colleagues argued, however, that the power of governing the trimming and planting of shade trees should remain with the City Commission; that powers which rightfully should be in the hands of the City Commissioners would be taken from them if the Tree Commission plan were adopted; that the citizens individually would be compelled to pay for the planting of trees under the tree commission plan whereas incidental expenses shall be borne by the city out of its general revenues.

It was argued further that a tree commission would have to employ a forester, such as is intended by the Taylor ordinance; that the City Commission is equally competent to employ such an official; that the tree commission would receive revenues over which the City Commissioners would never gain control and that if the tree commission act of 1907 were accepted by the city it would be accepted for all time.

Hold Lively Debate. During the controversy Commissioner Taylor said it was his plan originally to make the salary of the Forester \$1,500. Later he reduced it to \$1,200 and eventually cut it to \$1,000.

The Mayor asked Mr. Taylor whether his opposition to the Tree Commission measure was not due to the "probable" personnel of the commission. "To that," Taylor said, "I have nothing to do, indeed, with the appointment of the commission. It would be up to this body. But I did say that if a Commission were created, I would feel that its members should be competent men."

The Mayor mentioned the fact that J. Horace McFarland, former president of the Harrisburg Park Commission, is opposed to the ordinance creating the office of Forester and "has said that it will give too much power to one man" and the Mayor added that Harrisburg really has been successful with its commissions.

"That may be true, but I am going to say right here," began Mr. Taylor, "that the Park Department has been run just as well if not better this year as it was formerly when we had a park board. That is a pretty broad statement but I will be prepared to show it at the end of the year."

NOVEMBER A WARM MONTH

Despite the Low Temperatures of Early 4 Days, an Excess Is Shown in the Totals. Warm weather toward the close of November more than overcame the deficiency in temperature as a result of the extreme cold days in the early part of the month, and November will go down in Weather Bureau history with an accumulated excess in temperature of forty degrees. The last day of the month added eight degrees to this total.

Has Narrow Escape When Troop Trains Collide and Thirty-two Prisons Are Killed

Mexico City, Nov. 30, via El Paso, Dec. 1.—General Villa entered the capital to-day at the head of about 25,000 troops. He arrived during the afternoon in the suburbs, where he remained during the evening, receiving delegations and foreign consuls. Villa will not enter the capital part of the city until the arrival of Provisional President Gutierrez.

GENERAL VILLA IN A WRECK

General Villa issued the following statement to the Associated Press: "My only mission is to restore order in Mexico and not to take personal revenge on any one. I promise that order will be restored at once. I am acting as the subordinate of Provisional President Gueterries and the National convention."

The regular meeting of the Harrisburg School Board will be held Friday evening. The Finance committee of the Board will meet Thursday evening. Routine business will be discussed.

PROBLEMS OF SANITATION DISCUSSED IN CONVENTION

Dr. Charles V. Chapin in Paper Scores Untruthful and Unscientific Statements in Bulletin Issued by State Departments of Health. By Associated Press.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 1.—Problems of sanitation as applied to cities and towns were discussed here to-day at the forty-second annual convention of the American Public Health Association. A joint session was held with the sociological section at which sanitary experts explained in detail the work accomplished in a number of cities for the prevention of disease.

Today's program included a paper on "Health and Efficiency" by Dr. Charles V. Chapin, health superintendent of Providence, R. I., and in an address on "The Marriage Certificate" by Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the Louisiana Board of Health.

Untruthful and unscientific statements in bulletins issued by State Departments of Health were severely criticized by Dr. Chapin. "For the sake of those who come after stop filling your columns with tommy-rot, hot air and dope," he said. "Do not be always seeking novelty. Most that is new is bad. There are plenty of old truths which all of our 100,000,000 people have not yet learned."

Among the fallacies being spread to the detriment of real public health work, Dr. Chapin cited what he called the "old heresy about the all-importance of dirt in the causation of disease." He said that it is doubtless true that whatever encourages cleanliness tends to discourage the habits which favor infection, but he believed that "to fight all kinds of dirt instead of limiting attacks to dangerous dirt is misleading and futile."

HOMELESS MEN A PROBLEM

The Two Detention Cells at Police Headquarters Are Crowded With Wanderers Nightly. The coming of cold, inclement weather is bringing the gentlemen of the road from exposed places to police headquarters for night's lodgings and two detention cells are frequently called on to house as many as thirty men at a time. Some of the haunts of the wanderers are becoming uncomfortable on account of the cold and inclement weather while other favorite places are being too well guarded.

The grand stand on the Tri-State grounds at Island Park was a favorite place as long as the wind did not howl and then the open hearth at the Central Iron and Steel Company would be the place frequently sought, but sleeping at the latter place has been made uncomfortable by special policemen and the men apply to police headquarters. Last night twenty homeless men were kept at headquarters.

Lamar Is Placed on Trial

Charged With Impersonating A. Mitchell Palmer With Intent to Defraud Two Corporations. New York, Dec. 1.—David Lamar, charged in three indictments with impersonating officers of the United States bankers and companies, was placed on trial here to-day in the Federal District Court.

Loss of \$50 Worth in Home of W. H. Sellers When Bed Burns

An overturned oil stove on the second floor of the home of William H. Sellers, 224 South Fifteenth street, yesterday afternoon set fire to a bed on which Mrs. Sellers had laid out many of her Christmas gifts and completely destroyed them, together with the bed clothing, causing damage to the extent of \$50, according to a report turned in to Fire Chief Kindler this morning.

At the Photoplay

Jacques and Pierre Roques, brothers, have a bitter quarrel over the distribution of the family will. Pierre, fearful for his life, goes to America taking his daughter, Beth, Henry Leeds, a young bachelor, utterly opposed to marriage, is one night banished by his fellow-clubmen and signs a wager that he will marry within twenty-four hours. In the morning, sobered up, he realizes the folly of his wager and takes an auto ride. As he passes the Pierre Roques' mansion, a slipper is thrown from a window and falls into the auto. It contains a note stating that Beth is a prisoner in Leeds' room. Beth is a beautiful girl and Leeds, remembering his wager, proposes to her. His heroism inspires the girl to give a quick acceptance and Leeds reports to the club that he has won the wager. Adv.***

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TWO MEN QUIT PENNSY SERVICE AFTER 49 YEARS

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Mr. Heller has been employed as a clerk in the general office for the last 11 years.

CAPITOL HILL

JUNK SALE AT THE CAPITOL

Legislative Bills, Calendars and Old Department Reports Sold Under the Hammer. A sale of junk paper, no longer of use, old white and pink legislative bills, calendars and old department reports was held at the Capitol to-day by Superintendent of Printing Tomeroy. The successful bidders were: Ledger paper, M. A. Abrahamson, \$1.15 per hundred weight; printed bills and calendars, Max Cohen & Son, 82 1/2 cents per hundred; Capital City Junk Co., white bills, 85¢; Legislative Journals, 80¢; printed books, 77 1/2¢. All of the stuff sold had accumulated during the year, and its sale is authorized under the law relating to the disposal of old documents and waste.

State Timber Burned

During the recent forest fires, according to reports received at the State Forestry Department, State property to the amount of \$325,781 was burned and 5,929 acres of State land were burned over. The loss to State and private property by State fires this year is estimated to reach half a million dollars.

Peñrose's Certificate

The certificate of election of Boies Penrose as United States Senator was made out at the State Department to-day, and will be forwarded to the Senator to be presented to the President of the United States Senate. It is on parchment, is all typewritten and is signed by Governor Tener and Secretary McAfee.

New Justice

Governor Tener to-day appointed the following justices of the peace: Cyrus Raub, Freemansburg, Northampton county; John W. Wilhelm, Dunbar, Fayette county; W. O. Winslow, Jay township, Fayette county.

Leave for Columbus

Chauncey Rodger, of the Auditor General's Department; Harry P. McDevitt, of the Economy and Efficiency Commission, and Representative-elect James S. Woodward, of Allegheny county, left for Columbus, Ohio, to-day, at the instance of Auditor General Powell, to study the Ohio system of payment of expenses for the care and treatment of indigent insane.

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